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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA; FOURTH COMMITTEE: ITEM 25: GUAM

REF: USUN 5398 (NOTAL)

1. USUN SHOULD VOTE AGAINST GUAM RESOLUTION CONTAINING LANGUAGE REPORTED REFTEL.

2. EXPLANATION OF VOTE SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE RESOLUTION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN ADOPTED AND THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 REPORT WHICH THE RESOLUTION APPROVES REFLECT IN GOOD MEASURE THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHICH MEMBERS OF THIS BODY HAVE GIVEN THE QUESTION. THE RESOLUTION AND REPORT CONTAIN MANY POSITIVE ELEMENTS, BUT THE UNITED STATES CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON GUAM.

-- THE BASES IN QUESTION ARE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF WHICH GUAM IS A PART, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF THE PACIFIC REGION. THE PRESENCE OF THE FACILITIES ON GUAM IS CONSISTENT WITH THE

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, WHICH RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE AND IN NO WAY RESTRICTS OR LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF AN ADMINISTERING POWER TO PLACE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN A NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORY. EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN OVER THE BASES BY THIS BODY ARE INAPPROPRIATE AND CONSTITUTE AN INTRUSION BY THIS BODY INTO AN AREA BEYOND ITS LEGITIMATE CONCERN TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES.

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-- THE SECOND ELEMENT OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 IS AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE BASES ON GUAM WILL NOT INHIBIT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. I CAN ASSURE THE COMMITTEE THAT SUCH WILL NOT BE THE CASE. THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND SHARE IN THE BASIC FREEDOMS GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OF THE PRESS AND

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY. THEY HAVE REGULAR FREE ELECTIONS IN WHICH THEY SELECT THEIR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE. THEY ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF GUAM AND RECENTLY DID SO IN A REFERENDUM CARRIED OUT UNDER AN ACT OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE. THE RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM SHOWED SUPPORT AMONG AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS FOR REMAINING A PART OF THE UNITED STATES.

-- MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL RECALL THAT ON NOVEMBER 18 MY DELEGATION EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE RESOLUTION ON AMERICAN SAMOA CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO STATUS ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN INDEPENDENCE, WHICH IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE RESULT OF AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. OUR CONCERN APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE GUAM RESOLUTION.

3. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ASSISTANCE FROM FIELD ON THIS SUBJECT.

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